

Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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Analyzing a Quote from Nora

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When Nora had to push Mr. Myles' wheelchair to safety in a sudden downpour, their solitary status ended. In the cramped shelter, Nora and Mr. Myles quickly met everyone who was part of the garden. It didn't matter to anyone that Nora was British, and that Mr. Myles was African. That is when Nora felt like she was part of a family, and that is also when she said, "We, like our seeds were now planted in the garden."

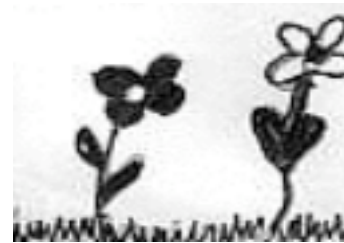
The reason Nora said this was that she felt like she belonged. Nora thought that the garden was like a second home where she could become more carefree and be herself. Nora felt that the garden could change all peoples lives, including her patient, Mr. Myles. Mr. Myles' eyes now held some of their old spark, something Nora had hoped to see for a while.

This "quote" relates to the world and me. The garden reaches out in many ways to make people's lives different. In the real world, gardens hold promise and hope, not so different from the story. This garden in *seedfolks* reminds me of my family garden because it requires people working together to make something great. We spent many happy hours gardening. The garden held promise and happiness for my family, and still does today.



Comparing and contrasting Curtis and Nora

Most people would say Curtis and Nora couldn't be more different. I don't think that's true. There are many similarities between them. For instance, both Curtis and Nora are devoted to someone, (Lateesha and Mr.Myles). They both want someone to be happy, and they are both highly protective of someone. In other ways, they are no so similar, though. Nora shows caring and protection to Mr.Myles, while Curtis is showing caring by love. Curtis is in love with Lateesha, and he wants her to love him so much, that he has taken on the task of growing tomatoes just for her. Curtis is indeed putting his faith and caring into the tomatoes, whereas Nora's faith and devotion is for Mr.Myles. Nora's life is focused on one thing, while Curtis' life is centered on his tomatoes, and Lateesha. These two characters may seem more different than alike, but they have connections some people might not see.



Qualities I admire about Leona

Leona is a very headstrong and down-to-earth person. I admire Leona because of her spunk, and the way she likes to get things done. She has the patience of a very patient dog, something that I would never be compared to. Leona knows who she is, and knows her place on earth. She knows that her purpose is to keep things straight and working in perfect order. I wish I could be like Leona and have her spunk (like the time she marched into the city hall carrying a bag of smelly garbage) and her character.